

'A Cluckin' Good Time'

Rooster Days Festival May 10-12



Rooster Days is the longest running festival in Oklahoma.



Mark your calendars for Rooster Days 2013, coming to town May 10-12. Presented by TTCU The Credit Union and the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce.

Known as the "Oldest Festival in Oklahoma," Rooster Days is celebrating its 82nd year of bringing family fun to Broken Arrow.

The festival kicks off at 5 p.m. May 10 at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Carnival hours will be 5-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. Ride passes range from \$20 to \$30, available at the festival and in advance at several locations listed on the event's website, www.roosterdays.com.

"The festival features live music, carnival rides, a parade, the Miss Chick Pageant, the 5k and 1mile fun run and the Rooster Days Market Place," said April Sailsbury, Senior Vice President of the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce. "Rooster Days provides a fun and exciting weekend for everyone in Broken Arrow and the surrounding communities. There is something for everyone to do at the Festival."

Highlights of the 2013 Festival include:

- Family Fun Zone featuring jump houses, face painting, chalk art and family fun entertainment
- Rooster Days Carnival - Mega Ride Passes will be available starting in April.
- The Rooster Days Run/Walk, Friday May 10 with registration starting at 5 p.m. and run starting at 6 p.m.
- Annual Rooster Days Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday on Main Street
- Rooster Days Market Place, a unique shopping experience with gifts, clothes, jewelry, home décor and more.
- Live music from bands like Mid-Life Crisis, Red Dirt Rangers and many more in the Entertainment Pavilion.

For more information, visit www.roosterdays.com, or call the Broken Arrow Area Chamber of Commerce at 918-251-1518.



OML establishes satellite office in Broken Arrow

The Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) and Broken Arrow officials have made arrangements for Kelly Danner, Municipal Inquiry Specialist to establish office hours at the Broken Arrow City Hall.

Danner will have office hours on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. – utilizing the same schedule as the Council of Tulsa area Cities (CTAG). Anyone wishing to meet with Danner is encouraged to contact her at Kelly@oml.org

or by calling (405) 528-7515, 800-324-6651.

OML office dates in Broken Arrow are as follows: May 3 and 17, June 7, July 5, August 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 13.

OML officials believe by expanding its offices to Broken Arrow, members in northeast Oklahoma will have the representation they need and OML will have a clearer understanding of the issues facing that area of the state.



Two city inspectors receive vital certifications

Two City of Broken Arrow building inspector’s recently added certification to their portfolio.

Joe Williford, Chief Building Inspector, passed the Fire Plans Examiner test which allows him to review commercial construction and site plans to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire and Life Safety codes. With this certification, Williford is now trained to identify life safety and fire code issues while reviewing plans.

“Being certified as a Fire Plans Examiner does not allow me to do the fire-plan review for the City of BA,” Williford said. “However, commercial building plan review is done by the Development Services Department. Being certified as a Fire Plans Examiner and a Building Plans Examiner will help while working with the Fire Marshal’s Office to ensure commercial building and site plans are in compliance with the adopted codes.”

Williford is a Certified Building Official and is working toward his Master Code Professional certification. This is the highest certification ranking given by the International Code Council which governs Building, Fire and Life Safety Codes. Williford now has one more exam to take of his choice from several, to become a Master Code Professional.

Jerry Orcutt, Building Inspector, passed the Residential Plans Examiner test which provides him valuable information on residential plans and knowledge associated with the International Building Code (IBC) related to residential homes and plans required for new construction.

“Being a fully certified residential inspector

provides a sound base of the codes related to construction which allows better decisions when trying to resolve complaints or other code-related issues,” Orcutt said.

Orcutt has achieved full certification as a residential building inspector in his first year with the City of Broken Arrow Development Services building inspection division. He has now set his sights on the commercial code certifications with aspirations of becoming a commercial building inspector.

The residents of Broken Arrow benefit greatly by having highly qualified inspectors ensuring adopted construction and life safety codes are being followed.

“We strive to provide outstanding customer service to our community and having a well-trained staff is essential,” said Development Services Director Michael Skates. “Each of our building inspectors receives on-going training throughout the year in various areas of construction. Having full certification benefits our citizens with superior quality housing that is in compliance with our regulatory codes. Joe and Jerry’s recent accomplishments exemplify this.”

Williford joined the City of Broken Arrow in April 2011 and has attained many other certifications. He has been a volunteer fire fighter for the Tahlequah Fire Department since April 2002 where he currently holds the rank of Captain.

Orcutt joined the City of Broken Arrow in 2007 as a building maintenance worker before transferring to building inspections in 2012.

Building Safety Month set for May

When entering a house or other type of building, most assume it is safely and properly constructed, and complies with state and local building codes.

Fortunately, local safety experts work hard to ensure buildings are safe.

To help raise awareness of building safety, the City of Broken Arrow will celebrate Building Safety Month during May.

This year’s theme is Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe. Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety: Fire Safety and Awareness, May 6-12; Disaster Safety and Mitigation, May 13-19; Backyard and Pool Safety, May 20-26; and Energy and Green Building, May 27-31.

Building codes address all aspects of construction, from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems and energy efficiency.

To ensure buildings are safe requires the active participation of code officials, fire inspectors, architects, builders, engineers, contractors and others in the construction industry, as well as property owners.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 1-31

Ongoing — Broken Arrow Youth Football Online registration begins. For more information, call 918-251-1015, Ext. 240, or visit www.bayouthfootball.com.

Ongoing — Broken Arrow Youth Cheer Sign-up Online registration begins. Grades 1-7. For more information, contact 918-251-1015, Ext. 300, or visit www.bayouthfootball.com.

May 4 — Annual Spring Clean-Up 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North.

May 4 — FFA Metal Drive 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Broken Arrow Alumni Barn located on New Orleans west of County Line Road. All metals will be accepted except for federal, state, municipal or railroad items. For more information, call 918-810-7924.

May 4 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

May 7 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 9 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 10-12 — Rooster Days Rooster Days opens with a carnival, arts and crafts inside Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St., food court and local entertainment. For hours and more information, call the 918-251-1518 or visit www.roosterdays.com.

May 8 — Chamber of Commerce Forum Luncheon 11:15 a.m., Central on Main, 210 N. Main St. For more information, call 918-251-1518 or visit www.brokenarrow.org.

May 14 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 18 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

May 18 — Camp Bandage 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 400 N. Aspen Ave. Camp Bandage will help point out the importance of what people can do to avoid accidents.

There will be demonstrations by public safety and health professionals. Broken Arrow police and fire departments will participate in a staged motor vehicle collision with “injuries.” Life Flight will be on call. At each of the “emergency” situations you’ll be shown step-by-step how to care for victims until emergency help arrives. For more information, call 918-258-5506, or visit www.campbandage.org

May 21 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 23 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 25 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

May 27 — Memorial Day - City offices closed

May 28 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.